



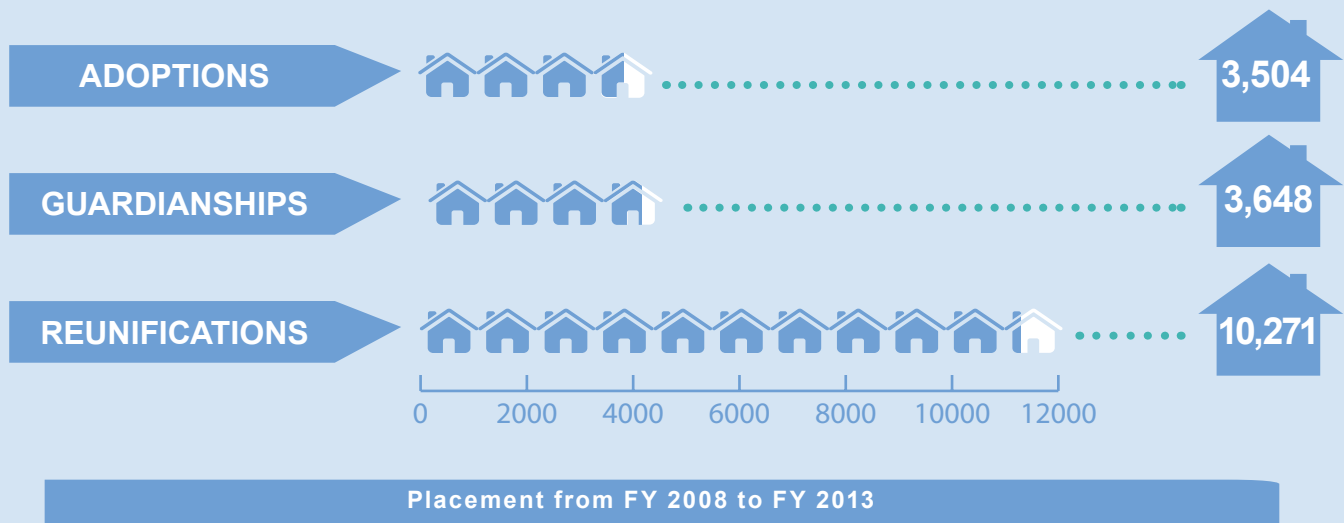
Every child deserves a place to call home. Place Matters is a strategy for strengthening families and keeping children at home when it's safe to do so. Parents receive in-home support and are connected with needed services.

Place Matters



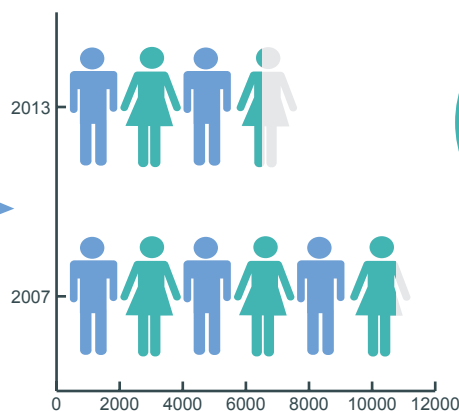
There are **fewer children in foster care** than at any time in at least the last 25 years.*

More than **17,400** children have found permanent homes through **adoption, guardianship or reunification** with families since 2007.



We've reduced the number of children in foster care by

43%, from 10,330 in July 2007 to 5,848 in August 2013.



11%
decrease

Since 2008, the percentage of placements to group homes has decreased from **19%** to **8%**.



83%
of youth under 18 in care are placed with families.

*Electronic records started in 1987